

# SOVEREIGN GRACE CHURCH

**April 9th, 2017**

“Thou hast with thine ARM  
redeemed thy people, the  
sons of Jacob and Joseph”

(PSALM 77:15)



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## **Schedule of Services**

**Sunday School      10:00 am**

**Sunday Worship      11:00 am**

**Wednesday Worship 7:00 pm**

### **Nursery**

*Nursery available for 4 years old and younger*

### **SGC Spring Cleaning**

*Saturday, April 15th @ 8:00 am*

**This evening's podcast will be from our PASTOR**

### **HEBREWS 2:3 — GREAT SALVATION**

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**\*Our featured sermon is made available every Sunday at 6:00 PM**

## **THE ANSWER OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE**

**“...THE ANSWER OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE TOWARD GOD,  
BY THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST” (1 PETER 3:21)**

Beloved, we are saved by Christ Jesus the Lord, *the answer of a good conscience toward God* (indeed *my answer of a good conscience, your answer of a good conscience*) *by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

In Christ's *righteousness* we stand not guilty, indeed *holy* before God; and by Christ's *redemption* we are cleansed of *all our sins.* (1 JOHN 1:9)

Beloved, every and all accusations against us, no matter if the accusation comes forth from the Law of God, or indeed even *if our heart condemn us*—we are *found of Him in peace, without spot, and blameless.* (1 JOHN 3:20, 2 PETER 3:14)

For our heavenly Father *hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.* (2 CORINTHIANS 5:21)

Just as safe and sound as Noah was in the Ark, so too is that sinner who believes on the Lord Jesus Christ. For in Christ the sinner is found safe and sound from the holy demands of God's Holy Law, and safe and sound from God's Holy Wrath against sin.

Friend do you have a problem? I trust the Lord in love and mercy will show you, you don't merely have *a problem*, but rather *you are the problem!*

As it is written—*you are not righteous*. [See ROMANS 3:10]

As it is written—*you are not good*. [See PSALM 14:3]

Indeed our Lord declares—*you are evil*. (See MATTHEW 7:11)

But blessed be God, the believing sinner has *the answer of a good conscience toward God* through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Believing sinner, your sin was made His sin and He put it away by *the sacrifice of Himself* (HEBREWS 9:26). Beloved, *God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.*

That word '*atonement*', can be understood as the oneness. By the oneness we have with Christ, Christ's good conscience as a man, has been made ours. So that a believing sinner can say, '*though I don't have a good conscience in my flesh; by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, I know that by His righteous life and by His redeeming death, I have the answer to God of a good conscience by the resurrection of Jesus Christ by His Spirit* [ROMANS 8:1].

Now if you would have a good conscience toward God, believe His Son and quit looking to yourself. May our Heavenly Father graciously show you, that *every demand* God's Holy Law makes of a sinner like you and a sinner like me, our Heavenly Father has made Christ Jesus the answer for you before Him in love.

Beloved, *of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.* AMEN! (1 CORINTHIANS 1:30-31)

PASTOR

## GOD'S FREE GRACE IN CHRIST

"BEING JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS" (ROMANS 3:24)

The scriptures make it abundantly clear that salvation is by God's free grace in Christ. The good news of the gospel is that since salvation is by grace, there is no condition a sinner must meet in order to be saved. The Lord Jesus Christ met every condition required to save His people so that they would have salvation freely.

PASTOR FRANK HALL

## EXCEEDINGLY ABUNDANTLY ABOVE

"NOW UNTO HIM THAT IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKETH IN US"  
(EPHESIANS 3:20)

A saved Gentile dog like myself desires only the crumbs that fall from my Master's table. Yet, my loving heavenly Father does "*exceeding abundantly above*" when He prepares for me a great banquet and allows me, like Mephibosheth, to eat at His table "*as one of the King's sons*" (2 SAMUEL 9:11).

A rebellious, heart-changed prodigal like me, now desires only to be as one of my Father's hired servants. However, my gracious and forgiving Father says, "*Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: and bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry.*" (LUKE 15:22-23)

Child of God, how wonderful is it that our Father in heaven finds great pleasure in doing exceeding abundantly above *ALL* that we could think or ask?

PASTOR DAVID EDDMENSON

## A LIKE FIGURE TO THE ARK

"THE LIKE FIGURE WHEREUNTO EVEN BAPTISM DOETH ALSO NOW SAVE US..."  
(1 PETER 3:21)

I would just beg to remark, on what the Apostle saith in application of the subject, to the present day of the Church, that baptism is called a like figure to the Ark; for both point to Christ, and are made blessed only in Christ. Noah's faith in Christ was what the Ark typified, and *the baptism of the Spirit is what alone renders that ordinance profitable*, being the representation of redemption in Christ. And the return of Jesus to glory confirms the whole work of the cross being done (MARK 16:16).

PASTOR ROBERT HAWKER